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SUBJ CIVAIR FUEL SHORTAGES

REF: ATHENS 7893, STATE 224121 (NOTALS)

1. PAN AM'S GRACE UNAWARE FUELING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FOREIGN AIRLINE HERE. HE HAS TWICE TOLD US PAN AM HAS NO RPT NO FUEL PROBLEMS HERE, AT LEAST THROUGH NOV AND PROBABLY BEYOND. HE NOTES THAT UNDER RECENT COMPANY POLICY CHANGE PAN AM NO LONGER CARRIES STORAGE FUEL AND THUS BUYS ONLY MINIMUM NEEDS HERE. THIS WOULD PREVENT PAN AM FROM REDUCING FUEL PURCHASES HERE IF LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BUT GRACE UNAWARE ANY LIMITATION.

2. AFTER RECEIPT ATHENS REFTEL BUT PRIOR STATE REFTEL, EMB CHECKED WITH DGCA BEYDOUN AND RECEIVED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FUEL STORY: ALTHOUGH AVIATION

FUEL OUTLOOK HERE NORMAL THROUGH JAN, AIR CARRIERS HAVE BEEN ASKED INFORMALLY AND AS A PRECAUTION TO REDUCE FUEL PURCHASES HERE BY 10 PERCENT AND ARE COOPERATING. THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO FILL UP AT AIRPORTS WITH AMPLE SUPPLIES, SUCH AS KUWAIT. PRECAUTION TAKEN BECAUSE BEIRUT IMPORTS ABOUT 60 PERCENT OF ITS AVIATION FUEL FROM EUROPEAN REFINERIES, WHERE OUTLOOK UNCERTAIN. DGCA REVIEWING FUEL SITUATION WEEKLY BUT IS RELAXED AT PRESENT.

3. AS STATED PARA ONE, PAN AM UNAWARE ANY LIMITATION, HAD NOT RPT NOT HEARD OF INFORMAL 10 PERCENT REDUCTION. EARLIER, GOL ECONOMY MIN HAD ANNOUNCED THAT FOREIGN AIRLINES COULD REFUEL HERE ONLY IF LEBANESE AIRLINES COULD REFUEL IN OPPOSITE COUNTRY; THIS BECAUSE AVAITION FUEL DELIVERIES FROM HOLLAND AND ITALY SUSPENDED. NEXT DAY OIL MIN PUBLICLY CONTRADICTED ECONMIN, SYAING SUPPLIES ADEQUATE FOR NORMAL OPERATIONS DESPITE SOME UNCERTAINTY REGARDING IMPORTS.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SITUATION IS PRESENTLY CONFUSED, IT IS EVIDENT THAT PAN AM IS NOT NOW HURTING AND SO LONG AS THIS IS THE CASE, WE CONCUR THAT INTERVENTION ON OUR PART NOT ADVISABLE. MEANWHILE, THREE IMPRESSIONS PREVAIL: (1) GOL PROBABLY WOULD DISSUADE AIRLINES FROM BUYING ABNORALLY LARGE SUPPLIES HERE; (2) IF AND WHEN LIMITATION IMPOSED, PAN AM WOULD CONTINUE OBTAIN ITS REQUIREMENTS AT LEAST ON SAME BASIS AS OTHER FOREIGN AIRLINES; (3) IN CASE OF A REAL CRUNCH, MEA AND TMA WOULD PROBABLY BE GIVEN PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT OVER FOREIGN AIRLINES. BUFFUM

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